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July 3, 2002

Jan Pels, HSE-5J
U.S. EPA, Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Ms. Pels:

Re: Hammond Lead Products
Hammond, Indiana
Pre-CERCLIS Screening Report

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. EPA investigated this site as a Pre-CERCLIS Screening to determine whether the site warrants further investigation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, aka Superfund). This site was included in a list of alleged lead smelting sites that had not previously been investigated. Hammond Lead Products was listed as a facility that reclaimed lead from batteries.

Hammond Lead Products was listed at 5231 Hohman Street, Hammond, Indiana. IDEM conducted a reconnaissance visit at the site on December 3, 2001. The address is at the corner of Hohman and Fayette Streets, in the heart of the Hammond central business district. The site is occupied by the Calumet building, a multi-story office building whose principal tenant is Calumet First Savings and Loan (see attached photo). The building appears to be at least several decades old and not likely the location of lead smelting activities. The surrounding area is paved and dominated by commercial buildings. No industrial activity is evident in the area.

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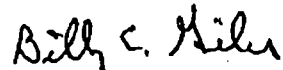
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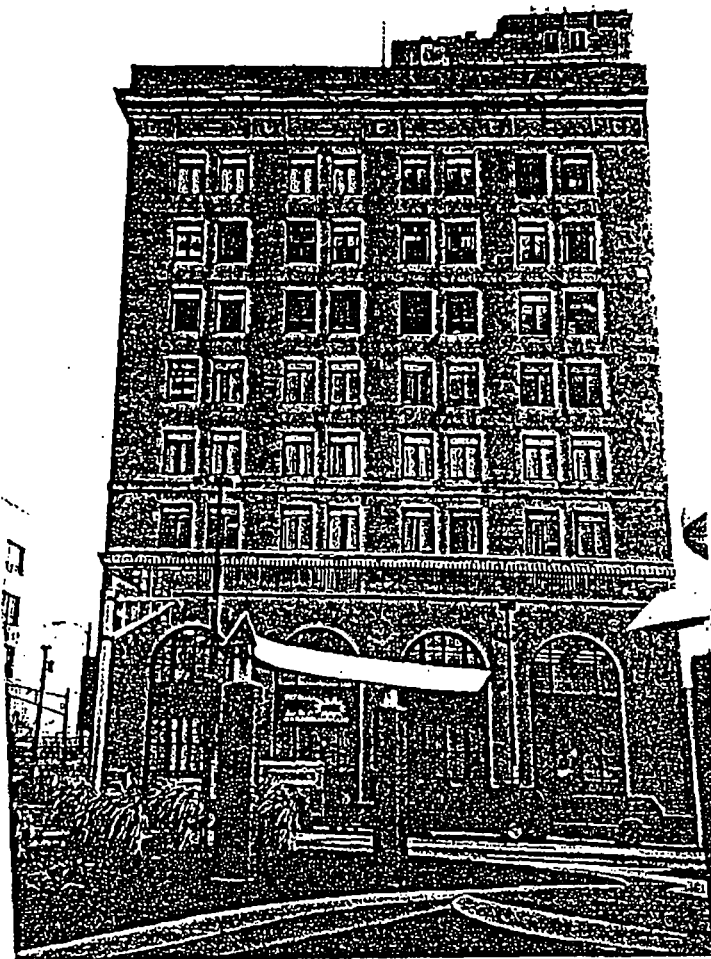
IDEM concluded that the 5231 Hohman Street address for Hammond Lead Products was not the location of lead smelting activities. The building may have housed the offices for Hammond Lead Products. Based on these findings, sampling was not required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billy E. Giles".

Billy E. Giles, Geologist
Site Investigation Section
Office of Land Quality

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Photo Attached



Hammond Lead Products
Facility
Bill Giles 12-3-01 12:45
Photographer Date Time
Others Present: Andrea Robertson

Location: 5231 Holman, Hammond
Looking East
Corner of Holman & Fayette
Subject (movement): _____